

Dr. Johnson, was born and raised on a livestock farm in Luck, Wisconsin, in the heart of western Wisconsin's dairy country in my district. He received his Bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin at River Falls in 1961, he received his Master's from the University of Minnesota in St. Paul in 1963, and was awarded his doctorate by the University of Maryland in 1968.

Thirty-five years ago, in 1964, Dr. Johnson began his career with the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, first as a chemist with the Swine Research Branch, and later as Research Physiologist with the Reproduction Laboratory. He became Research Leader of the Germplasm and Gamete Physiology Laboratory when it was created in 1991. He also served for two years as Visiting Scientist at the Research Institute for Animal production in the Netherlands.

With Dr. V.G. Pursel, Dr. Johnson developed the Beltsville Freezing and Thawing Method for preserving swine sperm. This method has been commercially used for cryopreservation of boar semen since 1975 and it has been used for the exportation of the highest quality genetics to upgrade swine production in more than 40 countries throughout the world. Subsequently, Dr. Johnson initiated collaborative studies with Dutch which led to the Beltsville TS Semen Diluent becoming the primary swine semen diluent throughout the world, currently used in 12 to 15 million inseminations worldwide each year. More recently, his research led to the development of the only effective method to control the sex ratio of mammalian offspring, considered a major advance in reproductive biology, which has brought him world recognition as an authority on gender preselection. In 1993, Dr. Johnson and his colleagues successfully adapted the sexing technology to be used for disease prevention in humans.

Dr. Johnson has authored or co-authored more than 265 scientific papers, book chapters and abstracts, and he has presented 75 papers at various international symposia and meetings. His numerous awards have included the Alexander von Humboldt Award in 1994 for the "most significant accomplishment in American Agriculture in the previous five years", and, in the same year, he was recognized as the Distinguished ARS Scientist for the Year. Dr. Johnson's work has also been recognized in countries throughout the world from the Netherlands to Japan.

Upon his retirement from government service, Dr. Johnson will be returning to his home state of Wisconsin. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank him for his years of government service, and wish him well in his future endeavors.

#### TRIBUTE TO DR. THOMAS LLOYD

#### HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 1999

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a man whose outstanding dedication to our children, the future of our nation, does

us all proud. Dr. Thomas Lloyd, General Superintendent of Schools in the Highland Park School District, passed away on June 28, 1999, at the age of 61. The community will miss him dearly.

Dr. Lloyd, who had served since 1996 as the District's 16th superintendent, was born in Miami and graduated from George Washington Carver High School there in 1956. After attending Morehouse College in Atlanta, Dr. Lloyd enrolled at Wayne State University, where he earned a B.A. in Psychology in 1963. In addition, he minored in Sociology and English. He continued on at Wayne State, where he earned a M.A. in Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling, with a minor in Education. Subsequently, Dr. Lloyd earned his Ph.D. in Administration and Supervision at the University of Michigan.

From 1962-63, Dr. Lloyd served as research technician at Henry Ford Hospital and Lafayette Clinic in Detroit. He also served as a clinical psychologist at W.J. Maxey Training School in Whitmore Lake (1963-65), an assistant at Wayne State's Traffic Research Center, and as School Psychological Diagnostician for the Southern Wayne County Economic Group, Inc. (1966-68). Additionally, Dr. Lloyd served as dropout counselor and guidance department supervisor in the Detroit Public Schools; and as team leader, special instructor and acting supervisor of trainee affairs at the DPS Skills Training Center from 1965-66.

In his 32 years of service to the Highland Park School District, Dr. Lloyd held a variety of posts. A state-certified Psychological Examiner, he also served as School Diagnostician (1967-68), counselor at Highland Park Community College (1968-1971), Assistant Dean at HPCC (1971), and School District Special Education Programs Supervisor (1987). Dr. Lloyd also had an earlier stint as Superintendent of Schools (1978-87) and two periods as President of Highland Park Community College (1971-78 and 1993-96).

Dr. Lloyd was renowned and respected for his leadership ability in the field of education, always placing a strong emphasis on planning, efficiency and fiscal responsibility. His most recent accomplishment was a richly detailed blueprint for improved educational quality and student achievement, the 1997-2000 District-wide School Improvement Plan. Dr. Lloyd realized early on the impact that new technology would have on learning, becoming a strong advocate for high-tech teaching, learning and information services. He led the District into a new age of technology, accomplishing a swift transition into an exciting era.

Dr. Lloyd was also an impassioned defender of Highland Park Community College. He vociferously fought to keep the only convenient metro-area community college open, to serve thousands of "education-seeking students" who could not easily attend other institutions of higher learning. He fought to ensure that education was available to all, not just a privileged few.

Other initiatives fostered under Dr. Lloyd's stewardship were the creation of a new public information program, and in concert with the Mother's Club of Highland Park, reactivation of the Harvey C. Jackson, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund. Combined with local fundraising

and outside providers, the Scholarship Fund has issued \$173,400 in college scholarships to 127 Highland Park students in 18 years. Dr. Lloyd successfully grasped the importance of advanced education in the modern world and ensured that his gifted students were in no way restrained from reaching their full potential.

In addition, Dr. Lloyd, at various points in his career, served as chairman of national and local planning committees. He planned the first annual National Association of Black School Educators Summer Leadership Academy (Ann Arbor, 1983). He also chaired the Southeastern Michigan League of Community Colleges (1977-78), and served on the Executive Board of the Michigan Community College Association. Also, Dr. Lloyd was also a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, the Phi Delta Kappa educational honorary society, and various state and national professional organizations in the fields of psychology and education.

Dr. Lloyd has served as a member of executive boards of the Highland Park Boys' Club, Rotary Club, Caucus Club, Metropolitan Detroit Bureau of School Studies, and Detroit Black United Fund. In addition, he was a member of the Highland Park Lions' Club, Highland Park City Planning Commission, and the advisory board of the Reggie McKenzie Foundation, and has served as Trustee of Mayflower Congregational Church in Detroit.

In 1997, Dr. Lloyd received the honored Golden Apple Award, from the Trailblazer's Division (Scouting for the Handicapped) of the Detroit Area Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Dr. Lloyd is survived by his wife Karen, son Thomas (Melissa), daughters Lisa (Mark) and Charlene, stepdaughter Dawnielle, brothers Samuel and James, grandsons Kennie Hobbs, Jr., and Mark Jones, Jr., and granddaughters Danielle Mike; Jessica, Amber and Mallory Lloyd.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF THREE HEROES; JOHN PITTMAN, LYNN ETHERIDGE, AND CHARLES ATTEBERRY

#### HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 1999

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor three Texans, Mr. John Pittman, Ms. Lynn Etheridge, and Mr. Charles Atteberry who were tragically killed in a helicopter crash while en route to pick up a patient as part of the world renowned Hermann Life Flight program. Their helicopter crashed in eastern Fort Bend County this past Saturday, July 17, 1999. It was the first fatal accident for Hermann Life Flight program since its inception in 1976.

Mr. John Pittman, 58, was an accomplished pilot who worked on Hermann Life Flight for much of his career. Ms. Lynn Etheridge, 35, was flight nurse who provided quality emergency care services to injured persons. Mr. Charles "Mac" Atteberry, 32, was a dedicated paramedic who provided cutting-edge medical services to trauma care victims. All three were

veteran Memorial Hermann Hospital System employees. Mr. Pittman had flown for more than 30 years, including 10 years as Life Flight pilot.

Hermann Life Flight is one of the most advanced emergency care helicopters in existence. Hermann Life Flight has logged more than one million air miles and flown more than 60,000 missions. This service is available 24 hours a day through the dedicated work of its 14 pilots, 13 flight nurses, 12 paramedics, 20 communications specialist and 6 mechanics. The Hermann Life Flight program includes three helicopters that provide emergency care services within 150 mile radius throughout Texas and western Louisiana. The cost of providing this service is more than \$3 million annually which is solely funded through community and fundraising efforts. The Hermann Life Flight program provides advanced emergency life support equipment, including cardiac monitors and defibrillators, temporary pacemakers, oxygen and materials for immobilization and isolettes for newborns.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring their service to the community and in expressing my condolences to the families of Mr. Pittman, Ms. Etheridge, and Mr. Atteberry.

The Greek Poet Homer once wrote that "life and death are balanced on the edge of a razor." Their mission, indeed their job, to provide medical care to those with the greatest need was simple, but always with risk. They saved lives while balancing their own on the edge of a razor. Yet, they did this day in and day out. I know that John, Lynn and "Mac" were deeply committed to the services they provided to the greater Houston community. All Texans can be proud of the services they provided and the sacrifices they made. They will be missed.

A private memorial service for the emergency medical service community will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday at First United Methodist Church—Westchase Campus. A public memorial will be held at Rice Stadium at 7:30 p.m.

RECOGNIZING THE ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH'S FORTY YEARS OF SERVICE TO ITS PRIEST AND PARISHIONERS

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 1999

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the fortieth anniversary of the first mass of the Saint Anthony of Padua Parish, first formed by the Archbishop Edward H. Hoban on March 6, 1959.

The parish has come a long way from the first mass held in the Parmadale Orphanage on July 12, 1959 by the parish's founding pastor, Fr. Jeremy Fischer. It quickly became an integral part of the community and within a few months it had more than a thousand families registered and a very successful campaign to begin construction on its own building. On January 29, 1961 the new building, including a gym and school, was dedicated and served as the parish's home for twenty years

until the continuously growing parish of over 3400 families required a new home.

Under the guidance of the first principal, Mr. Frank Kuhar, the parish has dedicated itself to the education of our youth and to providing them a solid foundation from which they can progress to become God-fearing leaders of the community and a source of guidance and inspiration to the next generation.

On Sunday, July 11, 1999, at noon, Most Reverend A. Edward Pevec, Archbishop of Cleveland, will preside over mass at the parish which his predecessor had founded almost exactly forty years earlier. It will be followed by a reception in the school hall and a banquet and dance later in the evening.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in recognizing the St. Anthony of Padua Parish's forty years of service and the dedication of its priests and parishioners to fostering the spiritual health and community life of its congregation.

ON THE RETIREMENT OF MR. ROBERT M. TOBIAS

**HON. JAMES P. MORAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 1999

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to come to floor today to recognize the tremendous career of Bob Tobias, longtime friend and advocate to federal employees everywhere.

In August, Bob will not be seeking reelection for a fifth term as President of the National Treasury Employees Union (NTEU), an organization which represents more than 155,000 employees in 20 federal agencies and departments. During his 31 years with the NTEU, including 16 as President, he has turned it into one of the most effective voices federal employees have ever had.

Bob and I have worked together since I was first elected to Congress in 1990. Bob was extremely helpful in advising me on the complex legislation to promote fair and equitable compensation and benefits for our civil servants.

Bob earned his law degree from the George Washington University School of Law, based right here in DC. He then went on to use litigation as a tool to advance the interests of federal employees across America. Bob has led several landmark legal victories, including a successful half-billion dollar back pay suit against President Nixon, a federal court victory that gave federal workers the right to engage in informational picketing, and a Supreme Court win that overturned the ban on speaking and writing honoraria.

In fact, Bob has been involved in every major piece of legislation impacting federal employees during the last 20 years. These include the development of FERS, protecting the FEHBP, the restructuring of the IRS, and enacting the Federal Employee Pay Comparability Act. He has also been tireless in promoting the idea that partnership can make the workplace better for federal employees, providing a more efficient service to the American taxpayer. Bob also led the fight to restore political freedom to federal employees in pushing for reform of the Hatch Act.

Bob is now focusing on different priorities; a second career as a teacher and writer on public policy issues beckons, where he will be able to educate a new generation.

I have enjoyed working with you Bob, and look forward to continuing to work with you on issues that are so important to working families. I wish you the best of luck.

AMERICAN EMBASSY SECURITY ACT OF 1999

SPEECH OF

**HON. JOHN EDWARD PORTER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 21, 1999

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2415) to enhance security of United States missions and personnel overseas, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal year 2000, and for other purposes.

SUPPORT FOR H.R. 2415 AND FOR RADIO FREE ASIA

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Chairman, I rise today to support the authorizing committee in their commitment to fully authorize Radio Free Asia at \$30,000,000 and to lift the sunset provision of Radio Free Asia.

I have had a longstanding interest in U.S. international broadcasting and I am proud and delighted that Radio Free Asia is running so strongly and delivering accurate and timely news to those who would not otherwise receive it. In its fourth year of existence, RFA has been able to expand its service to provide information in nine languages to listeners in Asia who do not have access to full and free news media reaching countless people living in China, Tibet, Burma, Vietnam, North Korea, Laos and Cambodia.

I want to congratulate the Chairman and the committee on lifting the sunset on Radio Free Asia and call on the other body to do the same. RFA is the only U.S. international broadcaster to have a sunset provision. It is time to bring RFA in line with the rest of the international broadcasters.

As we continue to fight communism, dictatorships and human rights abusers in Asia, it is important democracy, freedom and the truth have a voice. RFA provides that voice.

This year the U.S. suffered first hand from the lack of free press in China in the wake of the Embassy bombing in Belgrade. RFA was one of the few news broadcasts to reach the Chinese people that provided the truth following the incident. And according to RFA call-in shows following the bombing, over half of the callers were critical of the way the Chinese government handled the situation. RFA also broadcasted a special series this summer commemorating the 10th Anniversary of the Tiananmen Square Crackdown and providing a voice for family members to remember their loved ones.

China is not the only country where Radio Free Asia is reaching out to people. In Burma, Radio Free Asia regularly interviews Aung San Suu Kyi, keeping the hope of her party alive. A series was also conducted this year on AIDS in the country which included medical information about the disease. In Korean, stories ran on North Koreans defecting to China